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ROFIN-SINAR Technologies Inc has announced changes in the executive management team of its subsidiary ROFIN-SINAR Laser GmbH. Dr **Walter Volkmar** (63) will retire from his position as Managing Director of ROFIN-SINAR Laser GmbH and will also relinquish the overall responsibility for the Laser Marking division. Walter Volkmar will continue to support the company as a consultant for special projects.

Dr **Armin Renneisen** (45) has been appointed as his successor in the position as Managing Director of ROFIN-SINAR Laser GmbH, responsible for the Gunding site. Armin Renneisen studied Mechanical Engineering at TH Darmstadt, graduating in 1993. Most recently he was Operations Manager at the Gunding location. Another appointment to the management team is **Thomas Merk** (43), who joined the company in 2000, and will assume overall responsibility for the worldwide activities of the Laser Marking Business, which was vacated by Walter Volkmar, and will also be appointed Chief Operating Officer for this division. He studied Mechanical Engineering at the Technical University of Stuttgart, and was appointed COO for the Group's Laser Micro Business in December 2005.

Also, **Thorsten Frauenpreiss** (40) has been appointed to the Management Board of ROFIN-SINAR Laser GmbH with the responsibility for the Hamburg location. Mr Frauenpreiss studied Mechanical Engineering in Hannover, and started his career at ROFIN-SINAR in product management in 1993. Most recently, he was responsible for the Group's worldwide Marketing and Investor Relations activities. He will maintain these responsibilities until a successor has been appointed. In the course of

her appointment as CFO of ROFIN-SINAR Technologies Inc, **Ingrid Mittelstadt** will also join the Board of Management of ROFIN-SINAR Laser GmbH.

VERTILAS GmbH has appointed **Christian Neumeier** as CEO. The former VP Sales and Product Marketing takes over responsibility for the operational business at the developer of innovative laser diodes, which has entered a new phase of rolling out its product portfolio into various international market segments.

Cascade Microtech has announced that **Eric Strid** and **Reed Gleason**, co-founders of Cascade Microtech, have received the Southwest Test Workshop (SWTW) Lifetime Achievement Award for more than 25 years of outstanding technical contributions to the field of RF wafer level measurements, including the development of the Pyramid probe, a unique production probe card technology that enables highly accurate and reliable at-speed production tests on high performance, high speed and high density semiconductor and related devices.

Aegis Semiconductor has named **Jeffrey D. Farmer** as its President and CEO. He will also serve as a member of the Aegis board of directors. "Aegis is an outstanding company composed of an exceptionally talented team leading a strong ramp in revenue growth, serving our customers worldwide," says Mr Farmer. In his new role, Mr Farmer succeeds Dr Donald Bossi, who has served as CEO since February 2005. "It's exciting to have Jeff on board to continue the company's growth and market traction," says Dr Bossi, who will continue to serve as a strategic advisor and member of the Aegis board of directors.

UCSB Professor Shuji Nakamura has been awarded the **2006 Millennium Technology Award** – only the second time the US\$1.3m prize has been presented – and will be presented the award in September. The Millennium Technology Prize is the world's biggest technology award. Presented by Finland's Millennium Prize Foundation, it recognizes outstanding technological achievement aimed at promoting quality of life and sustainable development. Presented only in alternate years, the Millennium Technology Prize was first awarded in 2004 to Tim Berners-Lee, developer of the World Wide Web. Nakamura is a professor of materials and of electrical & computer engineering in UC Santa Barbara's College of Engineering, where he is also co-director of the Solid State Lighting and Display Center. The award will be presented by the President of Finland at a ceremony in Helsinki.

Applied Materials Inc has announced the appointment of **Robert H. Brust**, CFO and executive VP of Eastman Kodak Co., to serve on its board of directors. Brust, who announced he will retire from Kodak, will serve as a member of the board's audit and strategy committees. Prior to joining Kodak in 2000, Brust was senior VP and CFO of Unisys Corp.

IPG Photonics Corporation has announced that **William S. Hurley**, a seasoned financial executive with more than 30 years' experience, has joined the company's board of directors. Mr Hurley was the former CFO at Applied Science & Technology Inc. and several other technology companies.

NeoPhotonics Corporation has appointed **John A. Teegen** as its new Senior VP of Worldwide

Sales, effective immediately. He will oversee a sales force with offices on four continents as well as the company's channel and distribution partnerships. He was previously VP of Worldwide Sales at MMC Networks, where he was responsible for the company's rapid growth in revenue to over \$100m annually.

Symmetricom of San Jose has appointed **David Cox** VP of corporate business development, **Christine Mrena** VP of quality and process improvement, and **William Minor** VP of global human resources.

W5 Networks has appointed **John Otterstedt** VP of operations and **Neil Patil** VP of marketing. Otterstedt served as General Manager at Solectron Global Services, and has managed operations, production control and plant management at Apple Computer. Patil was VP of marketing at Activant Solutions and VP of product marketing at Brio Software. He also served as product group manager at Oracle, and was a product planner at General Mills.

WJ Communications has added **Patrice Daniels** to its board of directors. Daniels is COO at International Education, and is a former partner at Onyx Capital Ventures. She also held positions at CIBC World Markets and Bankers Trust.

BroadLight Inc has announced the promotion of **Raanan Gewirtzman** to COO. Raanan joined the company as GM in October 2003, and has successfully led the team that delivered the industry's first GPON silicon in December 2005, which enabled the company to capture more than 25 new design wins less than five months after first samples.